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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: RHODESIA: SMITH SAYS HE COULD GO TO AN ALL-  
PARTIES CONFERENCE

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS IN SOUTH AFRICA QUOTE SMITH IN A BBC RADIO  
INTERVIEW OF AUGUST 13 AS SAYING THAT HE WAS READY TO GO TO  
AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IF IT  
WAS ON THE RIGHT LINES AND WAS NOT DERAILED AT THE START.  
"WHEN WE RECEIVE REASONABLE SATISFACTION", SMITH IS REPORTED  
TO HAVE SAID, THEN HE WOULD NOT RESIST A CONFERENCE.  
2. ON THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, SMITH REPORTEDLY STATED  
THAT "THE MORALE OF THE WHITE PEOPLE IS PRETTY LOW TODAY,  
BUT I THINK THAT THIS IS CAUSED BY THE OVERALL SITUATION  
IN WHICH SUCCESS HAS NOT BEEN MET, PARTICULARLY IN THIS FIELD  
OF A CEASEFIRE." HE WENT ON TO CRITICIZE THE PERFORMANCES  
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OF HIS BLACK COLLEAGUES. HE STATED THAT THERE IS SO MUCH  
FIGHTING WITHIN AND BETWEEN THE BLACK PARTIES THAT  
WHITES ARE SKEPTICAL THAT THEY CAN RUN RHODESIA. HE ADDS  
THAT THE BLACK PARTIES "HAVE GOT TO PULL YOUR SOCKS UP  
AND PRODUCE A MUCH BETTER PERFORMANCE IF YOU ARE GOING TO  
GAIN THE SUPPORT AND THE CONFIDENCE OF WHITE RHODESIANS."

3. THE SABC RADIO SERVICE OF AUGUST 14 QUOTES  
SMITH AS SAYING FURTHER THAT IT "MIGHT NOT BE WISE" TO  
HOLD THE ELECTIONS AS NOW SCHEDULED UNLESS THERE WAS A REDUCTION  
IN THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE.  
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